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## ***RAND ADMINISTRATIVE SITE MAINTENANCE PROJECT***

### **EA Addendum (EA #OR110-02-24)**

#### **DECISION RECORD / RATIONALE / FONSI**

##### **I. DECISION**

The decision is to implement the proposed change of the Rand Administrative Site Maintenance project as described in the June 28, 2002 Addendum to the Environmental Assessment. This decision essentially changes the earlier decision by replacing the surface drainage design to one that incorporates edge drains and pipe drains.

##### **II. DECISION RATIONALE**

This change is being made as it will result in more effective drainage of the lower site by the boat house and blacksmith shop. Adding the drainage around the buildings will result in more effective protection of the foundations of the buildings than would have resulted from the initially designed surface drainage strategy.

Trenching and construction may create some disturbance from the perspective of a river user / floater but this will be very short in duration both in terms of the few days needed for construction and the short time that it takes a river floater to pass the site. The long term increased protection of the buildings that will result from the better site drainage outweighs the potential short term impact on river or Rand site user.

##### **IV. CONSULTATION AND COORDINATION**

Interdisciplinary team resource specialists have determined that new consultation or coordination with other agencies is not needed as a result of this change.

##### **V. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

Public notification and involvement during the planning of the overall project included a scoping effort in February 2002 and an EA public comment period in April - May 2002. A single letter was received during scoping. It voiced a general support for the project. No comments were received from the public in response to the EA public comment period.

## **VI. CONCLUSION AND FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT (FONSI)**

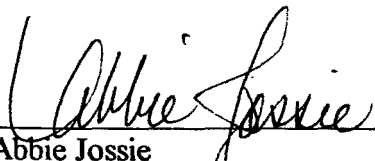
Based on the information and analysis of potential environmental impacts in the project's environmental assessment (EA) and the response from the public and state agencies during design and assessment of the project, I conclude that the decision noted above is consistent with the Medford District Resource Management Plan, the Record of Decision and Standards and Guidelines on Management of Habitat for Late-Successional and Old-Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl and, the Record of Decision and Standards and Guidelines for Amendments to the Survey and Manage, Protection Buffer, and other Mitigation Measures Standards and Guidelines (January 2001). It is also consistent with the Endangered Species Act, The Native American Religious Freedom Act and cultural resource management laws and regulations.

It is also my determination that, based on the information and analysis in the EA, the decision is not expected to result in significant impacts to the quality of the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement is not warranted and will not be prepared.

## **VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES**

This decision is a forest management decision. Administrative remedies are available to persons who believe that they will be adversely affected by this Decision. Administrative recourse is available in accordance with BLM regulations and must follow the procedures and requirements described in 43 CFR §5003 - Administrative Remedies.

In accordance with the BLM Forest Management Regulation 43 CFR 5003.2 (a&c), the effective date of this decision will be the date of publication of the Notice of Decision in The Grants Pass Daily Courier. Publication of this notice establishes the date initiating the protest period provided for in accordance with 43 CFR §5003.3. **Any** contest of this decision should state specifically which portion or element of the decision is being protested and cite the applicable CFR regulations.

  
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